

PACMIRS
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SUBJECT: Anniversary Greetings

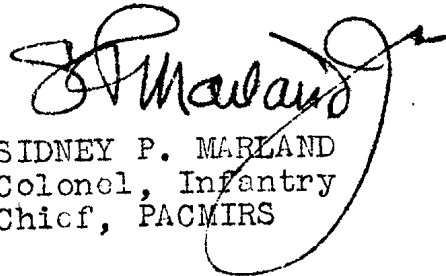
TO : All Ranks, PACMIRS

This date marks the completion of one year of outstandingly superior service by PACMIRS. On September 6, 1944, a body of skillful and determined men and women assembled at Camp Ritchie and set themselves the task of ending the Japanese War through the extraordinary means at their command. Beyond the question of a doubt, the fruit of their labor has, through the labyrinthic machinery of war, brought our erstwhile enemy to her knees earlier than strategists have dared to hope. If no more than one Allied life has been saved by the thousands of hours of work produced by PACMIRS, I know I speak for all when I say that it was worth it. Not one, but many lives have been saved; that is a fact upon which I shall elaborate at a later date.

What the future may hold for PACMIRS, and what our country may demand of us in guaranteeing the permanence of peace are unknown to me. I do know, however, that as long as wisdom and sound judgment govern the policy of our National Defense, there will be an urgent and continuing need for the work now being conducted by PACMIRS.

Your chief, although a civilian at heart, like yourselves, has determined to serve to the extent of his ability as long as there is a need for his services. Those services are chiefly the supervision of your work, and the insurance of your comfort and contentment.

It is my earnest hope that September 6, 1946, will find all members pursuing their chosen walk of life at the scene of their own selection. In the meantime, look back with pride upon a year of distinguished achievement. And look ahead to a job to be done as long as we are privileged to serve our country.



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